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For : THERMOPLASTIC POLYOLEFIN

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PETITION TO EXTEND PERIOD FOR RESPONSE

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicant hereby requests a three (3) month extension of the period for response to the Office Action mailed August 15, 2003. The response date set in the Office Action was November 15, 2003. A response is being filed herewith today, February 17, 2004, which is within the third month after the response date. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$950.00, which is the fee for a three month extension.

Accordingly, applicant hereby requests that the period for response be extended by three (3) months so that the response filed herewith will be considered timely filed.

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